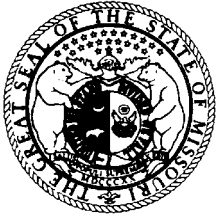


# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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## Situation Report

### Severe Storms

May 28, 2004

Storms regenerated on the afternoon and evening of May 27<sup>th</sup> with isolated severe storms that produced high winds, hail and reported tornadoes in the path of the storm. The system will continue to be present in the state through the Memorial Day Weekend, before the system finally leaves the state.

#### County/City reports:

**Harrison and Grundy Counties:** The public works/utilities director in Bethany and Trenton reported minor wind damage, fairly significant hail damage to windows in buildings and cars. In Trenton, utility crews put in several hours bringing service back up last night.

**Lawrence County:** reported this morning that there is major flooding in the Stotts City area. Several roads are closed. No homes are involved in any flooding at this time.

**Montgomery County:** A confirmed tornado struck briefly in Jonesburg near the border of Warren County in Region C. A hardware store sustained roof damage and several trees were snapped off. No injuries were reported.

**St. Louis Metropolitan and surrounding area:** Tornado Warnings were issued in Warren, Lincoln, St Charles, St Louis, Jefferson, St Francois and Ste. Genevieve Counties. Funnel Clouds were spotted in Wentzville, Wright City, New Melle at Hwy Z, St Charles at Klondike Park, Arnold near Hwy 141 and I-55...and 5 miles SE of DeSoto. No specific damages have been reported with these sightings as of 2130 hrs. O'Fallon, Lambert Airport, Olympia Village and DeSoto reported 60 MPH wind gusts. Franklin County reported large trees with the tops snapped off. Hillsboro reported a building collapse, trees down and seven houses with major roof damage. House Springs and St Charles City reported 10 inch diameter trees snapped in two. MoDOT reported closure of an unstable bridge on Hwy 47 between Bowling Green and Louisiana.

**St. Clair County:** Damage Assessments determined:

#### Roscoe

- 23 minor
- 7 major
- 7 destroyed

#### Shanty Town west of Roscoe

- 3 minor
- 2 major
- 1 destroyed

#### St. Clair County

- 10 minor
- 2 major
- 4 destroyed

#### Total

- 36 minor
- 11 major
- 12 destroyed

Information gathered indicate that only six homes are uninsured.

Other damages:

- Fire Department, destroyed - insured
- Restaurant, major damage - insured
- Storage Barn (Business), destroyed

**Federal /State Actions:** An assessment team was sent to St. Clair County and the city of Roscoe to assess the damage from the storms on May 26<sup>th</sup>. (See the report from St. Clair County)

**Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions:** The Red Cross has established a Reception and Care Center in the Albany Community Center and provided assistance with the preliminary damage assessment. Additionally, in St. Clair County the Red Cross and Salvation Army are established feeding operations. The Red Cross assisted with the damage assessment in the county. The Red Cross opened a center in the Community Church in Roscoe to feed. The church will be used as a shelter if needed.

**Forecast from NWS:** Scattered thunderstorms will resume Saturday and will continue through Memorial Day. Sunday, the risk for severe storms regenerating. These storms will have the potential to produce heavy rain, high winds and hail. Flood warnings are present for the Mississippi River north and south of St. Louis along with Missouri River from Howard and Chariton Counties to St. Louis.

**Point of Contact:** SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal duty hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.